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American Bittern by Selmi Hyytinen

Editor's Message

Submitted by Sue Alix Williams

After a S-L-O-W start to the month weather-wise, finally we've gotten some nice warm weather (along with the black flies). It seems as if we skipped spring altogether and jumped right into summer. Wildflowers are out, lilacs and apple blossoms scent the air and the sounds of rototillers and mowers are everywhere. Thanks again to all who submitted articles this month!



Painted Trillium by Sue Williams

Town Clerk

Submitted by Paul McLatchy III

Office Hours: As town hall remains closed, regular office hours have been cancelled. I check my phone, email, and mailbox 5-6 days a week, so if you need something please do not hesitate to contact me at town hall.

Dump Tag Renewals: Dump TAG renewals are being handled by the Board of Health Clerk, Joanne Semanie. Dump STICKERS can still be purchased through me.

Town Meeting: At press time, details were not finalized for the Annual Town Meeting (ATM). The Board of Selectmen and Moderator will jointly decide in late May when to set the meeting. The last day to register to vote in the ATM will be twenty (20) days before the meeting date. State law allows towns to push their ATM out beyond June, provided that they submit a 1/12 budget to the state DOR.

Annual Town Election: The annual town election will take place on Saturday, June 27th between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. The reduced hours are due to the predicted low in-person turnout and to help reduce contact with the public. The deadline to register to vote for the election is Sunday, June 7th and a voter registration session will be held from 2:00-4:00 PM and 7:00-8:00 PM. People will still be able to vote in person if they should wish to, but I am encouraging everyone to vote by mail if possible. As of now, the protocols listed in the May Goal Post will still be used (one person at a time, alternating booths, single-use pencils, etc.).

Absentee Ballots: As of the time of writing this article (May 22nd), 117 absentee ballots have been sent out, or 96% of last year's voter turnout (122). Ballots are still available until noon on June 26th. Requests must be made in writing. A form is available at town hall on the main door and on the website.

Minutes: Slowly but surely, old minutes continue to be scanned and will be uploaded to the website in batches. Gaps may occur as the selection process is "which one is next on the shelf?"

From the Town Hall

Submitted by Janice Boudreau

We, at Town Hall, are working our regular schedules as what is termed “essential workers” to keep the town functioning and thriving. We meet each week with State officials online to receive the most up-to-date information to best move forward with the governance of the town and the health and well-being of the citizens. This week the phased approach to reopening the state has been released and we attended meetings to hear more details. The website: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts> includes all the specific details. The ‘Covid-19 Group’ continues to meet each week: Chuck Sokol, Selectman Chair, Maggie Rice, Board of Health Chair, Joanne Semanie, Board of Health Clerk, Town Nurse Sheila Litchfield, Paul McLatchy III, Administrative Assistant, Ben Werner, Director of Rowe Camp & Conference Center, Robin Booth and myself. We meet remotely each Tuesday following attendance of a teleconference meeting with the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health. I have heard from a number of you that the distilled messages from Chair Sokol are very much appreciated.

In this time, during the phase 1 of what the state is referring to as the phased reopening approach, the Board of Health has elected to keep the Town Hall closed due to the difficulty in trying to maintain the strict standards of disinfecting the space and other requirements. In the interim, if you need something done, do not hesitate to contact me or Paul McLatchy III. Use the Lock Box outside the Town Hall entrance.

It is certainly a challenging and difficult time for us all. The COVID-19 pandemic has altered our lives, our rituals and rites of pas-

sage. By the time you receive this Memorial Day will have come and gone and many of us will not be celebrating the Holiday in the usual way. I will be thinking about the men and woman that made far greater sacrifices for us that what we have to do now right. Somehow, taking extra care to wash hands, wearing a mask and changing social habits seems like a very small price to pay.



Wood Duck by Ed May

A Reminder from the Board of Health

New tags and stickers for the Refuse Gardens are now available. The start date for the new tags is July 1st. If you have not received a letter and order form for your tags contact Joanne Semanie at 339-5520 ext 16 or 339-6667 and she will get one to you. Due to current conditions we are asking everyone to get their tags by mail. You can also drop your payment into the drop-box at the Town Hall.



Police Dept

Submitted by Julie Shippee, Chief

All LTC and FID applications should be mailed to the Rowe Police department at PO Box 462 Rowe ma 01367. You can get the application online at www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-firearms-license and please include the fee for this application. The fee is \$100 and free if you're over 70. If it is a new application the state recommends to delay until further notice and for renewals the police department will use your drivers license picture and send you a receipt in the mail. Until further notice.

Thank you Chief Shippee

Rowe Broadband Update

Submitted by David Dvore
MLP Manager

Rowe was fortunate to get our Fiber Broadband Network up and running before the Covid lockdown. With stay-at-home orders in place, we are having to work, study, and attend meetings online. Our system easily supports video teleconferencing, telemedicine, online education as well as entertainment such as streaming TV and movies.

About 80% of the town is now subscribed. If any of you who haven't yet signed up would like to get connected, we are still able to offer free installation for the next month or so. Even if you do not want service at this time, we are offering free "cold drops" from the road to the outside of the house, which would reduce the cost of future service installation. To sign up go to <https://www.whipcityfiber.com/rowe/> or call customer service at: 1-833-991-9378.

There is information about maintaining internet service during a power outage, streaming TV, and other topics at <https://wiredwest.net/for-customers/>. For any technical problems with your internet or VOIP phone service, you can call Tech Support at 1-833-923-9378.

As you travel around town, you will see that our fiber lines are usually second from the bottom on most poles, and are marked with orange tags. The Electric lines are on top, and Verizon on the bottom. If you notice any of our lines down, please report this to dispatch at 1-413-572-0000. Do not attempt to touch or move any downed lines as this could be dangerous.

News from the Rowe Cultural Council

Submitted by B.J. Roche

The Charlemont Forum, which is funded in part by the Rowe Local Cultural Council, has moved its summer programming online. This summer's focus is the impact of technology on American life and its facilitating, yet disruptive nature. The forum will use Zoom technology to enable its first presentation, speaker Fritz van Paasschen, on June 18, at 7 p.m. To attend, visit the Charlemont Forum Facebook page and click the "Zoom Conference Event" for June 18 to register. Registered audience members will receive a confirming e-mail with a link and password for the lecture. The Zoom format will enable audience members to participate in the usual question and answer session following the talk. Van Paasschen's presentation will be recorded and saved on the Charlemont Forum's Facebook website for future viewing.

Van Paasschen, best-selling author of *The Disruptor's Feast*, will talk on "Inspiring Change and Giving Hope in the Exponential Age." Van Paasschen, previously a top executive at Starwood Hotels, Coors Brewing Company and Nike, has observed the impact of technology in the business world and society in nearly 120 countries. Van Paasschen points out that major disruptors call forth change in our way of doing things. He notes the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the technological and economic response to it as a case in point.

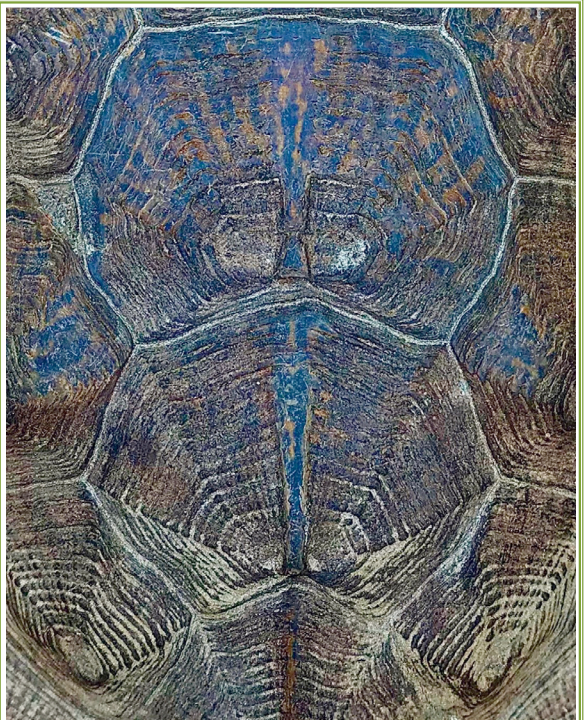
"The Covid pandemic is a timely example of how rapid, unexpected change — disruption — can catch institutions off guard," says van Paasschen. "Our human tendency to ignore threats, create comforting but false narratives, and try to go on with business as usual, follows a familiar pattern."

Individuals and organizations can overcome

"change blindness," he says, by deliberately exposing themselves to new perspectives and different points of view. His perspective suggests that in an era of uncertainty, people will gain or lose depending on how they deal with a different future, regardless of their location, industry, profession or aspirations.

The Charlemont Forum's second program, scheduled for July 9, at 7 p.m., will feature Karenna Gore, adjunct professor at Union Theological Seminary and Director of the Center for Earth Ethics. She will address *The Global Implications of Climate Change*.

The Charlemont Forum gratefully receives financial support from the Cultural Councils of Amherst, Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont/Hawley, Colrain, Conway, Goshen, Heath, Plainfield, Rowe, and Shelburne.



Wood Turtle shell by Meredith Sokol



Rowe Town Library News

Submitted by Molly Lane, Library Director

Library Hours: Tuesday & Saturday 10-5, Wednesday 10-8

We miss all our wonderful patrons and we know in a blink of an eye we will be seeing each other each week again. In the meantime, if you need materials our online digital catalog is your source for all E –content-books, audios, magazines, and even streaming movies. Here is the link for the digital catalog <https://cwmars.overdrive.com/>

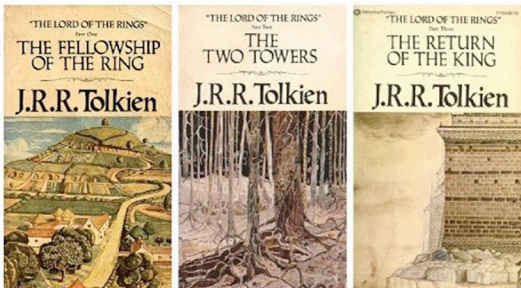
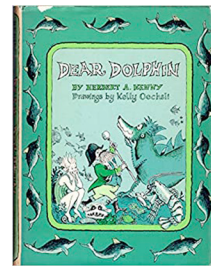
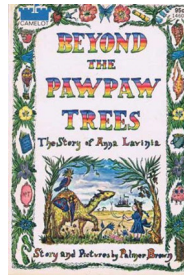
ALL PROGRAMS ARE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

My All Time Favorite Books

by Sue Alix Williams

With the Library closed and interlibrary loans shut down, I've been thinking about books a lot. I've loved to read as long as I can remember and here are my favorite books from when I was little to currently. These were (are) books that I've read multiple times without ever tiring of them. Fiction, especially Science Fiction/Fantasy have always been my go-to genre although i've read many, many non-fiction and classics as well.

In elementary school, these were the two books I read over and over. I still have them both.



I've probably read or listened to the Lord of the Rings more than any other series. If you ever listen to the audiobook, I highly recommend the edition narrated by Robert Inglis.

My most recent favorite series is the Broken Earth series by N.K. Jemisin.. a masterful storyteller. One of those books that you find you can't stop turning the pages and it's 2:00am!



What's your favorite book(s)???



Photo by Sue Williams

-Submitted by Sean Loomis, Park Manager

The weather is finally warming up and the park is open! The staff has been working to ensure that COVID-19 guidelines are met so that the park is safe for public use. As a result, there are some new guidelines and policies that visitors of the park need to follow. These are in place to keep you and your families safe, and we apologize for any inconveniences. The guidelines are listed below:

Admissions:

Beginning mid-June, the park will be open between the hours of 8am to 8pm. The gate will be locked after 8pm and no residents will be permitted to use the park facilities (beach/picnic area) while the gate is locked.

At this time, no school choice families or members of Rowe Camp will be permitted to use the park facilities (beach/picnic area), only Rowe residents and their guests will be allowed to do so. The trails are still available to all and can be accessed at different trail heads around the park perimeter.

Parks and Open Spaces:

Visitors should always practice social distancing by remaining 6 feet away from others. A face covering or mask is required if 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained, unless a medical condition prevents a person from doing so. Masks are not required while swimming.

On trails, walkers and hikers should move aside and leave room for others to pass, and cyclists and runners should alert other users when approaching and wait for others to step aside before passing.

To allow for adequate social distancing on the beach, there should be a minimum of 12 feet between towelings/beach blanket groups.

As of now, the lifeguards will begin working on July 1st, and 6 feet of social distancing should be maintained between lifeguards and the public unless there is an emergency. Swimmers before July 1st will do so at their own risk.

Athletic fields and courts can be utilized only for non-contact sports, with no shared equipment. Organized games, such as volleyball, will not be allowed.

At this time, the kayaks, paddleboards, and life jackets that are provided by the park will not be available for public use. Also at this time, the structure, swings, and spring toys will be closed until further notice.

Trash Disposal and Public Restrooms:

The park will no longer be providing trash cans, so visitors should adhere to a strict “carry in, carry out” policy and take their trash with them when they leave.

The restrooms at the park will be closed until further notice but a port-a-potty is available for visitors to use. Please abide by social distancing standards while waiting in line for the port-a-potty.

Picnic Areas and Grills:

No more than one family will be permitted at each picnic area and no groups larger than 10 are allowed to gather.

What's all this fuss about our trees?**Really, during a pandemic, you ask me about the Park's trees?!**

By Long View Forest and Wigmore Forest Resource Management

Rowe received funding from the Commonwealth Office of Energy and Environment for the development of a Forest Stewardship Management Plan (FSMP) for the Pelham Lake Park forest. You hold responsibility for this precious resource. We were hired to help you with the development of the FSMP. While we understand the timing might not be ideal right now for this project, we are making the best of it and could use your help along the way!

This forest ecosystem does what forests do for you - filter the water, pull CO₂ out of the air, provide homes and food for wildlife, offer quiet sanctuary or a rugged trail to recreators, shelter game and provide homes for humans or our fuel. Day in and day out, your forests are showing up doing their job, quietly, taking care of life.

So, why do they need a FSMP? A written management plan helps a community protect and support a healthy, resilient forest with its continual delivery of social and ecological benefits. A FSMP creates a community vision for the future forest. It provides the tools to define that vision and sustain the forests' vibrant functions. It documents your value system about the forest. Of course, your plan may change, as the forest changes, and your community's thinking changes with time too. Yet, there is some continuity achieved in the plan and it helps guide stewardship moving forward.

How do we create the FSMP? All FSMP's have three main parts. 1. The professional study of the forest ecosystem- a deep look at its nature, its heart, and its potential, 2. Statement of Goals and Purposes- what you want for these community forests- blended with the reality of what's on the ground there now- this creates the future vision, and 3. Presentation of Stewardship Activities in a Plan- the steps to get the community to that vision.

A forest study (inventory) collects data and generates biometrics about trees (species, size, health, and vigor), other plants, (some rare or endangered), habitat benefits and characteristics, soils (type and how good they are for growing plants), natural communities (e.g. vernal pools or young forest), forest resilience or ability to survive change, and the forests' ability to serve as a carbon pool. All these facts are organized in maps, charts, and narratives. Done well, they do not

overwhelm you, but rather teach you about the nature and heart of Pelham Lake Park Forest.

The science is the relatively easy part. Yes, all our fussing about the survey comes in here-at the more complicated part! The science illustrates the forest ecosystem, and what it can do when functioning well. The Statement of Purpose and Goals weaves your collective voice into a philosophy that guides you towards the vision for the forest. Once you know what plants grow here, how healthy they are, what songbirds shyly hide here, and who lives in the vernal pool, you can take responsibility for the future. You may think about adding a loop trail to visit a neat feature, or letting the older trees just keep growing to collect more carbon. A FSMP take the facts and your input and merges the science with your values.

Finally, it all gets written down into the FSMP. The FSMP provides a list of stewardship activities (sometimes called silvicultural projects, which simply means working with the vegetation in the forest) that steer you towards your vision. The list may include trail building for the connection of two remote trails or creating a set of rules for trail use and maintenance. It might guide you to grant programs for enhancing old growth characteristics within the oldest groves on Adams Mountain. Or it may also plan sustainable forestry practices to improve forest resilience and tree health and vigor.

We appreciate your willingness to help us with this project. Please take the survey, and we hope to see you at the first Zoom forum on Wednesday, June 3rd, at 7pm. Please come out to our next Zoom meeting in late June as well. Keep you eyes on the town's web page, and we will send another post card. It is a privilege to get to know your Town forests and to hear your vision for this resilient ecosystem.



A nice set of bog bridges leads through a northern hardwood forest on the flank of Adams Mt.
-Photo by Alex Barrett.

RHS Presents - Ford Hall

-Submitted by Joanne Semanie



Ford Hall was a stately building in the Old Center of town on the west corner of Middletown Hill Rd. and Ford Hill Rd. All that remains is the cellar hole of what was once a mercantile, turned community center. John Ballou was the last to own a store at Ford Hall. The Atlas of 1871 shows his “merchant tailor shop in Fords Hall at the Old Centre”.

The mystery of the name can be found in an 1868 deed from John Ballou to James Ford. Ford leased the store with permission to build a larger structure over the existing one, leaving room for Ballou’s quarters. By 1869 there was a multipurpose, 2 ½ story building known as “Ford Hall”. It was used extensively for social town affairs until 1895 when the Town Hall was built.

A news item published January 31, 1870 in the Greenfield Gazette and Courier tells of the new building, “For a long time the town has felt the need of a suitable place to hold lecture, festival, exhibitions, and public gatherings, for which the progress of the age demands. This has been fully remedied by Mr. J. M. Ford manifesting a zeal and enterprise which very few of us would dare assume, in fitting up in a thorough and tasty manner, a beautiful hall, large and commodious, and neatly furnished. It seems well adapted for any purpose for which it

was designed.”

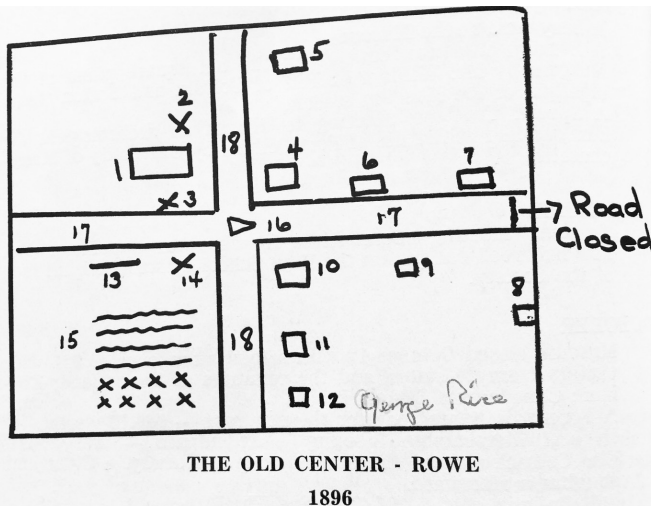
“During the fall, a very prosperous, select school occupied the hall giving at its close a public exhibition to the admirations of a crowded house.”

“The Rowe Dramatic Club gave a rich entertainment in the new Ford Hall on January 27.”

The interior probably had been remodeled several times. Martha Henry recalled in the Winter, 1971 Bulletin that the front door led into a large downstairs room out of which stairs led to the upstairs hall. Directly to the left as one entered this room was a somewhat smaller room which served as the dining room and kitchen. Supper and festivals were always held here. Upstairs there was a large hall with a stage and dressings rooms. Here many sorts of entertainment were offered. Plays were performed with local people playing the parts. Dances, round and square, concerts, and lectures all filled the hall on many occasions. The floor in the hall was of spring-type construction which gave an added bounce to the already vigorous dances of the day.

The hall gradually fell into disrepair and disuse. It was still usable in 1917 but gradually fell into ruin. A large portion of Ford Hall fell in during the winter of 1930-31 and by September 1932 it was demolished.

The cellar hole can still be seen from the road although it looks much different now. What was once clear cut has turned into woods.



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| 1. Ford Hall (cellarhole now) | 10. Farley House (Adams property) |
| 2. Well at Ford Hall | 11. Unitarian Church (no longer there) |
| 3. Snow Apple Tree | 12. George Rice House (Now Christine Levitre) |
| 4. Charles Brown House (now A. Reisman airbnb) | 13. Log Seat |
| 5. Center School (now Jay Williams) | 14. Old Blacksmith Forge (no longer there) |
| 6. Old Red House (no longer there) | 15. Farley Vegetable Garden & Orchard |
| 7. Robert Wells House (Jim Williams) | 16. Wild Strawberry Bed |
| 8. Old Stone House (no longer there) | 17. Middletown Hill Rd. |
| 9. Farley Barn (partial foundation) | 18. Ford Hill Rd. |

Loneliness & Isolation

Submitted by Sheila Litchfield, RN, Town Nurse

Loneliness is a feeling of sadness or distress about being by yourself or feeling disconnected from the world around you. It is also possible to feel lonely even when surrounded by people. Isolation is being separated from other people and your environment

We're isolating, part of a global "social distancing" movement to slow the spread of coronavirus and give hospitals a chance to treat the sick. Of course, we have to protect one another, avoid voluntary gatherings, and stay at least six feet apart. But there's a reason to be concerned for our mental health because social contact is such a fundamental human need.

Of course, there's a difference between isolation and loneliness, which is especially important to emphasize now while we're social distancing. Isolation is the physical separation from other people, while loneliness is an emotional state of feeling alone or separated. Physiologically, loneliness is strongly associated with high blood pressure, sleep disturbances, immune stress responses, and declining cognition. From a mental health perspective, we see much more depression and anxiety among the lonely.

Those with anxiety may feel particularly vulnerable as the world seems to be entering uncertain times. When we feel anxiety, it's a natural tendency to want to affiliate with others. Those with depression may also be vulnerable while physical distancing. For people who are prone to depression it boosts your mood to be around other people. With limited contact you can find yourself, not only spiraling into negative thoughts, but feeling very closed in. The goal of social distancing these days is to be separated, but not lonely. Here are some ways to do it:

- Contact others face-to-face by using social media and communication tools to have meaningful interactions with just a few people. Set up a family chat or having regular video meetings with friends or co-workers or your book group.

- Do meaningful things such as housework, reading, starting a new hobby or a project you've been unable to dig into – staying engaged in the world allows us to use the more logical parts of our brain, making it less likely we will dwell on what's out of our control.

- Spend time with pets - this is a great time to rely on them for companionship. A little touch increases dopamine and serotonin, both of which help stabilize mood and relieve stress

- Keep your sense of humor - Keep sending memes to your friends. Don't stop watching really stupidly silly movies. It's okay to laugh at some parts of your situation, which is unprecedented. Reach out to those who might be worse off - make an effort to connect with them in a way you'd like to connect with others. Send a note, give them a call, reach out and let them know they are not alone.

A Dog's Guide to Backyard Mammals

Flappy Chew Squirrel



Stabbity Squirrel



*English Garden
Squirrel*



*Bucktooth Pig
Squirrel*



Sneaksy Plague Squirrel



SQUIRREL!!



Boing Squirrel



Danger Squirrel



*Zippy Stripe
Squirrel*



*Masked
Garbage Squirrel*



Stink Squirrel



This has been a time like none other for the Rowe school. Since the schools were temporarily closed on March 13th, and closed for the remainder of the school year in mid-April, the students, families, and staff have been adjusting to a new normal in delivering education. The first few weeks were about keeping kids connected with their education. Since the beginning of April, however, it's been about that and more. We have found that it is as much about supporting the families, as anything else. This quarantine has been difficult for all of us, but probably most of all on families with more than one student at home. With this in mind, the Rowe teaching staff has worked hard to craft engaging and developmentally appropriate lessons and activities, much of which the students don't need to be on a computer to do, especially for the students in the Preschool and Primary Classes.

From live, online Math lessons and reading groups in the 3/4 and 5/6 classes, to videos sent home to families to replicate the structure of the days of the week in Preschool, the entire teaching staff has been active to keep students engaged, active and learning. We realize that not everyone has equal access to the internet and computers, and that having one or more students at home and trying to stay on top of their academics can be a challenging situation for many families, especially if they are not working, working from home, or going to work every day. Teachers and Teaching Assistants have been doing whatever is necessary to support students and families, including exchanging pen-pal letters to keep them writing, working with the students in small online groups to read and discuss books and fables, to meeting with students outside, at safe distances, at student and staff homes to lead instruction. Some sessions take place in the evening to accommodate working families. The building is closed, but school is open, and whether we are at school or not, the staff continues to do whatever it takes to support students and families, adapting their efforts every week as we discover what works, and what doesn't, in this new "normal".

The staff will work over the summer to be ready or whatever education looks like in the fall, whatever we are allowed to do in terms of gathering students and staff together for learning. We appreciate the support of the Rowe School Committee, the North Berkshire School Union administration and staff, the folks working in and out of Town Hall, and the Town of Rowe as we navigate these unfamiliar waters. We are expecting to have some sort of recognition ceremony for our graduating 6th graders in June, please stay tuned, it would be great to have the support of the people of Rowe to show them that even though everything is different, the well-wishes are the same for the next part of their journey.

If you have thoughts or questions, please be in touch with your calls and emails. I look forward to hearing from you. Please call 413-446-4949 or email me at wknittle@roweschool.org.

The Benefits of Accepting Choice Students

Thank you to the voters of Rowe for supporting the school every year as we work to offer the best education possible to our Rowe students, and all our students. The debate about the benefits and challenges of accepting choice students is an important one, and one that the school administration and the School Committee have looked into thoroughly. We believe having choice students at Rowe School helps make it a vibrant and energized school, one in which our Rowe students are able to flourish academically and socially.

We understand the concerns of some residents about whether we are putting an undue burden on the taxpayers of Rowe to benefit our choice students. In advance of this year's budget conversations, we analyzed what our budget, and our school, would look like in three different configurations: a) if we accepted only the 25 Rowe students, b) if we accepted a number of choice students equal to the number of Rowe students, and c) the school as it stands now for next year, with 25 Rowe students and 47 choice students.

To staff and fund a school for 25 students would save the Town approximately \$200,000, but we would also not receive the \$235,000 we are scheduled to receive for our choice students (at \$5,000 apiece). It would not save the town money, in fact, the town would show a net negative of \$35,000 based on this change. More importantly, it would create a school that would be unattractive to many families, and would not, with 25 students spread across eight grades, be a functional school, from an academic or social standpoint, and one that would soon close due to Rowe families deciding to choice their students to different, more viable, schools.

To staff and fund a school for 50 students (an equal number of Rowe students and choice students) would save the Town approximately \$175,000, but we would forfeit approximately \$110,000 in choice revenue. The reduced staffing would make it difficult for the remaining staff to provide the quality education to the Rowe students that our school is known for. Academics would not be delivered in the small group settings that allow our Rowe students to flourish, and the savings to the Town would be minimal (\$65,000).

To staff and fund the school as it is projected to be next year (72 students - 25 Rowe, 47 choice) we believe provides the best educational and social experience for the Rowe students, staffed as we are to provide the necessary small group instruction so our Rowe students have the best chance of being successful, both now and in the future.

We do not add staff due to adding choice students. If we add or redirect staff, it is for the educational benefit of all of the students at Rowe School, which will benefit our Rowe students. Because of the choice money we receive, we are able to present a budget to Rowe voters that is below the level of funding that was requested in each of the last two years. I encourage you to call me at the school, 413-512-5101, email me, wknittle@roweschool.org, or come to a School Committee meeting, if you are interested in discussing this issue further.

-Submitted by Bill Knittle

BIGFOOT paused



photo by Steve Provost & Maria Paradis

It's a little known fact that Bigfoot is quite shy and sensitive and he was so unnerved by being moved by someone he didn't know, that he requested to go home for the month of May. Hopefully, he can be calmed down enough to wander about town again for June, so keep your eyes peeled. Take pictures, but please don't move him, otherwise he will want to stay at home for the foreseeable future.



This is the time to be slow,
Lie low to the wall
Until the bitter weather passes.
Try, as best you can, not to let
The wire brush of doubt
Scrape from your heart
All sense of yourself
And your hesitant light.
If you remain generous,
Time will come good:
And you will find your feet
Again on fresh pastures of promise,
Where the air will be kind
And blushed with beginning.
- John O'Donohue



The Rowe Center

WORKSHOPS • RETREATS • SUMMER CAMPS

The Rowe Center is pleased to offer residents and those who work for the town the opportunity to experience one of our weekend workshops once a year free of charge. For more information about programs. or to register, please go to our website www.rowecenter.org or call our registrar at 339-4954.

Due to the importance of abiding by the CDC and the governments's recommendations regarding social distancing, the Rowe Center will not be holding any in-person camps this summer. Check our website, www.rowecenter.org for updates as the situation evolves.

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in ”

Author Unknown

Volunteer Opportunities: Contact Janice Boudreau or Paul McLatchy III at 339-5520 ext. 11 or 10 with your interest or questions.

Beautification Committee:

Three openings to serve on the Beautification Committee to work directly or plan projects to improve the Town grounds.

Carl Nilman Scholarship Committee:

One opening to serve on the Carl Nilman Scholarship Committee to determine scholarship award recipients. One or two meetings per year.

Conservation Commission:

Two 3-year seats on the Conservation Commission are open. The Conservation Commissions is responsible for protecting the land, water and biological resources of their communities. They serve the community in a regulatory as well as a conservation capacity. The Rowe Conservation Commissioners are appointed to three-year terms by the Select Board. Commissioners are expected to complete fundamentals training and attend periodic educational seminars. Anyone interested in serving is welcome to attend a meeting or contact one of the current Commissioners with any questions.

Old Home Day Committee:

Work in conjunction with the Rowe Volunteer Firefighters' Association to plan Old Home Day Activities for July 2021.

Planning Board:

There is an opening on the Planning Board to serve until the annual town election in May. The Planning Board is the body responsible for issuing special permits and reviewing the town's zoning bylaws. There are two years left in the term should the appointee desire to be elected to the position in May.

Veteran's Representative:

Represent Rowe with the Upper Pioneer Valley Veteran's Service District. Open to Veterans to serve.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Two seats on the Zoning Board of Appeals are open. Members meet sparingly, usually only to address requests for variances from property owners.

JOB OPENING

Town of Rowe seeks Emergency Management Director.

Individual must be well-organized, good at planning, public speaking and have a willingness to take training courses. Must attend regional quarterly meetings in Agawam, MA. See town website for Job Description: [About Rowe – Job Opportunities](#) www.rowe-ma.gov

For more information Contact:
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June Birthdays



2 - Chris Morano
2 - Reed Brown
3 - Gail May
3 - Matt Crowningshield
4 - Dan Miller
5 - Dennis Humbert
7 - Dick Quinn
7 - Leann Loomis
9 - Pru Berry
9 - Crystal Reardon
9 - Hannah Poplawski
11 - Brandon Sprague
19 - Paulette Roccio
20 - Alan Bjork
21 - Catherine Snyder
21 - Steve Crowningshield

Rowe Community Church

Submitted by Ros Mulette

Looking forward to being able to meet in June; when "the ban" is lifted the following will be the schedule.

Worship services will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and Bible studies will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

We now are able to have our Sunday worship and Wednesday studies via phone conference calls and are thankful to be able to "keep in touch" in this manner.

Thinking of and praying for all for good health and peace! Sorry that we will not be able to share with you in the Memorial Day program and trust that flowers and flags will be displayed to honor our fallen heroes and vets!

Town Services

<u>Accountant</u>	Wed	9:00-12:00 (or by appt)	339-5520 x12
<u>Admin Assistant</u>	M,T,Th,F	8:00-12:00,12:30-4:30	339-5520 x10
<u>Assessor's Clerk</u>	Monday	3:30-5:30pm	339-5520 x15
<u>Fire Station</u>	Emergency - 911		339-4001
<u>Executive Secretary</u>	Mon-Thurs	9:30-5:00	339-5520 x11
<u>Fitness Ctr</u>	Mon-Fri	8:00-5:00	339-5520 x21
<u>FRTA Sr. Bus</u>	Tuesdays	9:00	774-2262 x103
<u>Historical Society</u>	(by Appt)		339-4238
<u>Library</u>	Tues, Sat 10:00-5:00, Wed 10:00-8:00		339-4761
<u>Park</u>	Mon- Friday		339-8554
<u>Police Dept</u>	Wed	5:30-7:30pm	339-8340
<u>Post Office</u>	Mon-Fri 12:15-4:15, Sat 8:30-11:30		339-5390
<u>Rowe School</u>	Mon-Friday	8:00-3:15	512-5100
<u>Tax Collector</u>	Wed	8:00-2:00	339-5520 x19
<u>Town Clerk</u>	M,T,Th,Fr	7:00-8:00am, 4:30-5:30pm	339-5520 x14
<u>Town Garage</u>	Mon-Thurs	6:30-4:30	339-5588
<u>Town Nurse</u>	Mon,Wed,Fri	9:00-5:00	339-5520 x20
<u>Transfer St.</u>	Wed 7-10am, 4-7pm Sat 8-2, Sun 8-12		339-0216
<u>Treasurer</u>			339-5520 x16

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